



## DIGGING FOR COAL

Most coal is buried under the ground. We must dig it out—mine it.

If the coal is deep in the ground, tunnels called mine shafts are dug down to the coal.

Machines dig the coal and carry it to the surface. This is called **deep mining**.

If coal is near the surface, miners dig it up with huge machines.

First, they scrape off the dirt and rock, then dig out the coal. This is called **surface mining**.

After the coal is mined, they put back the dirt and rock. They plant trees and grass. This is called **reclamation**.